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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am writing in support of the Microsoft antitrust case settlement. I would like to see the litigation end. I am hopeful the Court will not hesitate to approve the settlement agreement the parties recently hammered out.

It goes against my principles to settle a case just for the sake of getting out of the litigation. Especially when in a case like this the suit should not have been filed in the first place. However, there comes a time when a company must cut its losses and do what it takes to end the litigation insanity.

Microsoft has clearly gone above and beyond what should be required of them. They have agreed to not retaliate against third parties who distribute or promote software that competes with Windows. They have also agreed not to enter into contracts obligating third parties to exclusively sell Windows products. They have also agreed not to enforce their intellectual property rights. I don't think continuing the lawsuit will result in anything else of substance.

The settlement agreement should be approved in its present form, and the parties focus their efforts on more fruitful endeavors.

Sincerely,

